TO:      All Physicians and Other Providers Billing CPT Code 01967 (Labor Epidurals) Participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program, FAMIS, Managed Care Organizations Providing Services to Virginia Medicaid and FAMIS Recipients

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MEMO: Special

DATE:   11/30/2012

SUBJECT:      Change to Reimbursement Methodology for Labor Epidurals (CPT 01967) – Effective January 1, 2013

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of changes to the DMAS Fee-For-Service reimbursement methodology for labor epidurals, specifically neuraxial labor analgesia/anesthesia for planned vaginal delivery as defined in the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Manual as CPT code 01967. DMAS currently reimburses providers for labor epidurals based on timed anesthesia units. DMAS will reimburse procedure code 01967 a flat rate of $197.63 for labor epidurals, effective January 1, 2013. Because labor epidurals vary in length and involvement of the anesthesiologist, DMAS believes a flat rate will be simpler and more appropriate for this service.

Accordingly, effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2013, reimbursement and billing for procedure code 01967 will change as follows:

| CPT Code | Dates of Service Prior to 01/01/2013 | Dates of Service on or after 01/01/2013 | Reimbursement Rate Prior to 01/01/2013 | Payment on or after Date of Service 1/01/2013 |
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| 01967 | Bill as other anesthesia, with every 15 minutes or parts thereof equal to 1 unit | Bill CPT 01967 with <u>ONE</u> unit ONLY | Units reported on claim + base units times $12.84 | $197.63 |
| 01967 (EDI) | Bill as usual | For EDI claims, report **UN** in Element Identifier SV103 and **1** in SV104 | Units reported on claim + base units times $12.84 | $197.63 |

This change does not affect the current reimbursement methodology for other anesthesia procedure codes. **This change applies to procedure code 01967 ONLY**.

## VIRGINIA MEDICAID WEB PORTAL

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option to access information regarding Medicaid or FAMIS member eligibility, claims status, check status, service limits, service authorizations, and electronic copies of remittance advices. Providers must register through the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal in order to access this information. The Virginia Medicaid Web Portal can be accessed by going to: www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov. If you have any questions regarding the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal, please contact the Xerox State Healthcare Web Portal Support Helpdesk, toll free, at 1-866-352-0496 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. The MediCall audio response system provides similar information and can be accessed by calling 1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider. Providers may also access service authorization information, including status, via KePRO's Provider Portal at http://dmas.kepro.com.

## ELIGIBILITY VENDORS

DMAS has contracts with the following eligibility verification vendors offering internet real-time, batch and/or integrated platforms. Eligibility details such as eligibility status, third party liability, and service limits for many service types and procedures are available. Contact information for each of the vendors is listed below.

| Passport Health Communications, Inc. www.passporthealth.com sales@passporthealth.com Telephone: 1 (888) 661-5657 | SIEMENS Medical Solutions – Health Services Foundation Enterprise Systems/HDX www.hdx.com Telephone: 1 (610) 219-2322 | Emdeon www.emdeon.com Telephone: 1 (877) 363-3666 |
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| 1-804-786-6273 | Richmond area and out-of-state long distance |
| 1-800-552-8627 | All other areas (in-state, toll-free long distance) |

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